



Washington Wetland  
Centre

Guided Learning  
Sessions

Curriculum Links

**EYFS: Understanding the world**

**3 and 4 year olds will be learning to...**

**Children in reception will be learning to...**

**ELG: People, culture  
and communities**

**ELG: The natural world**

Use all their  
senses in  
hands-on  
exploration of  
natural  
materials.

Explore  
collections of  
materials with  
similar and/or  
different  
properties.

Talk about  
what they see,  
using a wide  
vocabulary.

Understand  
the key  
features of the  
life cycle of a  
plant and an  
animal.

Begin to  
understand the  
need to  
respect and  
care for the  
natural  
environment  
and all living  
things

Explore the  
natural world  
around them.

Describe what  
they see, hear  
and feel whilst  
outside.

Recognise  
some  
environments  
that are  
different from  
the one in  
which they  
live.

Understand  
the effect of  
changing  
seasons on  
the natural  
world around  
them.

Describe their immediate  
environment using  
knowledge from  
observation, discussion,  
stories, non-fiction texts  
and maps;

Explore the natural world around  
them, making observations and  
drawing pictures of animals and  
plants

Know some similarities and  
differences between the natural  
world around them and  
contrasting environments,  
drawing on their experiences

Understand some important  
processes and changes in the  
natural world around them,  
including the seasons and  
changing states of matter.

Pond Explorers  
Early Years / KS1

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Brilliant Bird Adaptations  
EYFS / KS1

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Wetland Wonders  
Early Years / KS1

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Minibeast Safari  
Early Years / KS1

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